

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended and claim 3 is canceled

No new matter is added to the application by this Amendment. Support for the features added to claim 1 can be found in canceled claim 3, as originally filed.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of canceled claims 3 as suggested by the Patent Office.

Thus, for at least these reasons, amended independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2, 3 and 4, are allowable.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1-2, 4 and 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,987,719 to Goodson, Jr. (hereinafter "Goodson"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 was amended to incorporate the features of canceled claim 3, which was not rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Goodson.

As acknowledged by the Patent Office's failure to reject claim 3 in view of Goodson, Goodson does not teach or suggest an anchor-connecting member comprising a connecting member connected to the girder by welding or bolts, an anchor plate connected to the connecting member by welding or bolts, a gusset plate welded on the anchor plate, and a stud or shear connector extended from the anchor plate to a concrete wall and buried in concrete as required by amended claim 1.

Because the features of independent claim 1 are neither taught nor suggested by Goodson, Goodson cannot anticipate, and would not have rendered the features specifically defined in claim 1 and its dependent claims obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

For at least these reasons, claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 are patentable over and non-obvious in view of Goodson. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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